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MURDER ACCUSED BOASTS OF BEING PRISON CELEBRITY

Killer bartered in jail to trade Jayden secrets for TV

THE man accused of murdering Jayden Parkinson boasted in prison of being a 'celebrity' after finding out he was on the news, a jury has heard.

Ben Blakeley, 22, was at Bullingdon Prison, near Bicester, after being charged with the 17-year-old's murder in December.

A prison nurse giving evidence at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday said he shouted down the corridor "I'm a celebrity now Miss."

Blakeley, of Christchurch Road, Reading, killed the Didcot teenager while she was pregnant with

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his baby and buried her in his

uncle's Didcot grave last year.

He pleaded not guilty to murder but has admitted manslaughter at Oxford Crown Court.

Nurse Cally Brinsley, head of the prison's outpatients department told the jury Blakeley was placed on a 24-hour watch and was not allowed to watch TV or read newspapers.

She said: "We found somebody very vulnerable and could cause

harm to themselves and others, so we found a cell that has nothing inside that they can use to harm themselves."

Matthew Walsh, prosecuting, asked: "Did he say anything about whether he did or did not want to be on constant watch?"

Ms Brinsley replied: "He was not very happy about being on constant watch because he wanted a television."

"He wanted to watch himself on the news. That was all he spoke about."

"He was very jovial in his behaviour. At one point he did shout down the corridor 'I'm a celebrity now Miss'."

This sparked a reaction from Blakeley who left the court dock on his own accord after shouting: "***** you are lying. Why are you going to make stuff up like that?"

Ms Brinsley told the court Blakeley would try to bargain for a TV by offering to tell her information about Jayden.

She said: "There were different conversations and they would all lead to him having a television."

"During the review of Ben's health and wellbeing he did say to me 'I told them where the shovels were. I got really drunk I never wanted this to happen. If I could take it back I would'."

"After I told him to stop (talking) Ben said 'Can I have a TV now?', as he had given some information and wanted a reward."

"I told him that he couldn't."

The jury also heard that in his prison Bible Blakeley kept two newspaper cuttings about Jayden's death - probably given to him by other inmates.

He had also written on the Bible's inside back cover: 'RIP baby, I will miss you always, I'm sorry xxx I'm sorry, sorry'.

A post-mortem into Jayden's death revealed she died from pressure to the neck.

Jayden was found in a grave at All Saints' Church in Didcot on December 11 over a week after she went missing.

A 17-year-old, who cannot be named, admits perverting the course of justice but denies preventing a lawful burial.

The trial continues.



• 17-year-old Jayden Parkinson from Didcot



• CCTV of Jayden in Iffley Road on the day she disappeared



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Fight on for later demolition time

LEADERS in South Oxfordshire have called for the 3am to 5am timeline for the demolition of Didcot's cooling towers to be revised.

Energy company RWE npower last week announced a demolition date of July 27 and the early timescale for the three southern towers to be blown up.

The timing means residents wanting to see the blow down will have to get up very early or stay up all night.

Didcot MP Ed Vaizey sent a letter expressing his concerns. "The towers have been the major landmark locally for decades, so there is tremendous interest in their disappearance," he said.

Mr Vaizey added that the early timing is "to do with the need to close the railway line" and has asked for the demolition to be delayed to at least 6am.

He continued: "My understanding is that the first passenger trains reach Didcot at around 8.30am.

"Unless the concern is the prevalence of dust, or freight trains, I cannot see a reason not to delay the explosion to a time when more people can watch it."

Mr Vaizey also asked for a countdown clock to be projected onto the cooling towers.

Npower's decision has also angered South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council's figurehead David Buckle.

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The chief executive of the two councils promised to write to npower to ask them to reconsider the time period.

Mr Buckle said: "Didcot Power Station is a landmark of huge importance for people around here, offering a real sense of location and local identity."

"It's therefore very disappointing that the demolition of the first set of towers will take place at such an early hour, meaning that many, including children and many adults who have only known Didcot with the towers, will not be able to witness this historic occasion."

"I will be asking RWE npower

whether they are prepared to have another look at this."

An online petition to delay the demolition until 6am has attracted over 1,800 signatures.

Didcot resident Christine Reardon set up the petition and plans to present it to npower next week.

She said: "Some of us have lived with the towers on our doorsteps for the last 40 years. "Demolishing them whilst it is dark robs us of our chance to say a final goodbye."

"We are stakeholders in this project, yet our voice has been ignored."

An exclusion zone will be in place around the cooling towers during the demolition.

Purchas Road and Milton

Road will also be temporarily closed.

Npower confirmed that no residential properties are included in the exclusion zone.

Spokeswoman Kelly Brown said: "The exact time of the controlled demolition was determined by a number of factors including pre-demolition inspections, safety checks, weather and all relevant stakeholders being ready, including police, Network Rail and traffic management."

The announcement came a day after firefighters finished battling a blaze in part of the decommissioned site.

The fire at the industrial transformer took firefighters 21 hours to quash.

Nobody was injured.



• Didcot Power Station's cooling towers (Picture by 6point75) and (inset) Didcot MP Ed Vaizey who has called for the demolition timeline to be revised

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Hotel revamp

OXFORD: A £630,000 refurbishment of a Woodstock Road hotel has been completed after eight weeks.

Oxford Peartree Travelodge, which has 197 rooms, has been refitted and modernised.

A larger desk, new carpet, artwork and new en-suite bathrooms were part of the revamp.

The hotel was built at the Peartree Interchange in 2000.

Church grant

KIRTLINGTON: St Mary the Virgin Church has been awarded over £130,000 of lottery money for urgent works.

The Grade II listed parish church, in Church Lane, dates from before the 1066 Norman conquest.

A grant of £132,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund was announced on Monday.

The funding is for building repairs, better facilities and making churches more suitable for community use.

Charity sale

OXFORD: People who used to be homeless in the city have raised thousands of pounds for charity by selling second-hand goods in Paris.

Residents and helpers from Cowley-based charity Emmaus Oxford raised €7,500 in the French capital at a flea market at Porte de Versailles.

Items sold, such as Royal Family souvenirs, were from the charity's second-hand shops on the Northway estate and Cowley.

The Oxford team was joined at the market by 160 Emmaus charities across Europe.

Bid to block future chance of fracking in county rejected

AN ATTEMPT by a Green councillor to stop fracking has been blocked by the county council.

David Williams, leader of the Green Group on Oxfordshire County Council, has had his motion to stop hydraulic fracking for shale gas extraction turned down by legal officers.

The county council said it could not make a decision not to consider applications to frack for methane gas.

Cllr Williams moved an amendment to a motion on the agenda for Tuesday's council meeting, suggesting there should be a debate about the method of shale gas extraction.

A clause was also inserted, stating that until a debate was held the council would not issue any licenses to use fracking in future mineral extraction.

Cllr Williams said he was disappointed with the legal judgement.

He added: "It will not stop us fighting against this process as it's inherently dangerous and could do great damage to

Oxfordshire."

Spokesperson Martin Crabtree said: "The county council does not issue licenses, it is the government."

"As far as we are aware the government has not had any applications for fracking."

"The only involvement we would have is if there is a planning application for drilling but that would come under a normal application."

However, the matter of fracking was discussed at Tuesday's county council meeting.

Labour councillor John Sanders, who represents Cowley, put forward a motion to carry out a 'Themed Debate' on fracking in the near future.

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Park residents hope to form new parish council

RESIDENTS on Didcot's newest and growing housing estate want to form their own parish council by next year.

By Jack Johnson

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The Great Western Park Residents Association (GWPR) submitted a petition to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) at the end of May to create a new parish council on the estate.

SODC will make a decision on the petition, which included 360 signatures from local residents, on July 17 as part of its Community Governance Review, which assesses parish council arrangements in the district.

John Boden, chairman of the GWPR, said: "We have always

proclaimed that we want a place where people want to live and a safe place environment to bring children up.

"We believe by being a local parish council we can do that far better than the town council."

The 3,300 home estate, of which 650 homes have been completed, currently falls under Didcot Town Council.

However, Mr Boden who has lived on the estate since 2011, believes the development would benefit from having its own parish council, made up of up to 12

apolitical councillors.

The 68-year-old said: "The people who live here are aware of the problems and issues, good or bad."

"We also want to go non-political, so whoever gets to become a councillor isn't tied to a political party like we are with Didcot Town Council."

"We believe, by being non-political and being far more transparent, we can deal with any issues and maintain Great Western Park better than the town council would."

Great Western Park is currently situated within SODC and Vale of White Horse boundaries and, while the current campaign

is only for the former, Mr Boden said having it "under one banner" would be the "ultimate prize".

However, Didcot's town councillors have met the campaign with mixed reactions.

Labour town council leader Eleanor Hards said she was against the idea.

"Any decision made now would be determining what was going to happen for future residents who very much outnumber the current residents," she said.

"I think they really need to wait until the estate is built and then all the residents can have a say."

Conservative councillor Tony

Harbour added: "We want a united Didcot rather than a divided Didcot".

However, independent town councillor Neville Harris supports the campaign and said SODC "holds the key to local democracy's door".

Cllr Harris added: "If successful, the petition would make the first level of local governance more accessible to residents."

"Granting this inclusiveness would mean much better quality local decision making and all that flows from it."

An SODC spokesperson confirmed the district council had received the resident association's petition.

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Events to mark war centenary

DIDCOT: Commemorative events will be held in the town to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

A multi-denominational service of reflection will take place at the Britwell Road war memorial on August 3, starting at 3pm.

There will also be a short service on August 4 as part of the national 'Lights Out' event.

Between 10 and 11pm, commemorative candles will be placed around the war memorials with the start and end marked by the firing of maroons in Edmonds Park.

Didcot Town Council is also planning to put on an exhibition of artefacts and information from the First World War in the Civic Hall from August.

Anyone with items of interest that they would like included in the exhibition should contact Karen Dodd on kdodd@didcot.gov.uk.

Bridge work consultation

DIDCOT: Residents have the opportunity to ask Network Rail staff about the reconstruction of Foxhall Road bridge on Wednesday.

Network Rail is reconstructing the bridge as part of electrification works between London and Bristol, including Newbury and Oxford.

Foxhall Road bridge will be closed on July 28 for six months while a temporary footbridge will be put in place.

The session will take place at Didcot Parkway station's ticket hall from 4pm, and will last for around three hours.

Didcot dads ready to climb for Down's Syndrome charity



• Paul Gander with his son Reuben, who has Down's Syndrome

FIVE men from Didcot are taking on a 24-hour challenge next month to raise money for a charity dear to their hearts.

Paul Gander, Andy Lawson, Paul Fennell, Lee Massie, and Rich West are tackling the Three Peaks Challenge on July 11.

The challenge involves climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon - the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales - over 24 hours.

They hope to raise £5,000 for Down's Syndrome Oxford (DSO), Respite nursing for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters and Daisy's Dream.

Both Paul and Andy have sons, called Reuben and Jon-Paul, with Down's Syndrome, and have received support from DSO in the past.

Paul, who works as a youth worker, said: "When Reuben was born it was a surprise to us that he had Down's Syndrome."

"The support from DSO really helped us."

"Reuben is such a blessing to us and we just want to give something back."

The group hope to finish the challenge at 5pm on July 12.

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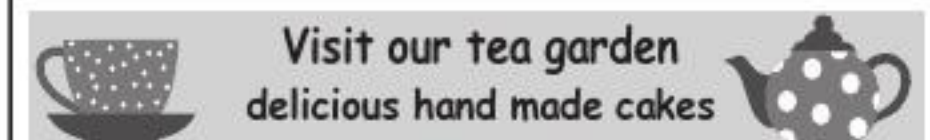
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Decision due on Green Belt housing in Oxford

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build thousands of homes on land off Grenoble Road could take a step forward tonight.

A report by Oxford City Council to be heard at a meeting in Oxford Town Hall recommends progressing with the plans for up to 4,000 homes on an area the size of 136 football pitches.

Oxford City Council wants to build the houses in Green Belt south-east of Oxford on South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) land.

The report recommends city council officers to launch negotiations with landowners for the 166-hectare site – of which the council owns 35 hectares.

A decision by the City Executive Board, headed by the leader of Oxford City Council Bob Price, is due to be made to either approve or reject the report at the meeting from 5pm.

Cllr Price said: "It is an excellent site, well served by transport routes and community facilities and is very sustainable being close to where the jobs in Oxfordshire are found."

But SODC has opposed the plans and as far back as 2009 vowed to take the matter to High Court to fight the proposals.

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SODC's cabinet member for planning Angie Paterson said: "While we appreciate that the leader of Oxford City Council has aspirations to develop this area, it is important to remember that the land is in South Oxfordshire."

The city council need to build 30,000 new homes by 2031 and estimates there is only capacity for 7,000 to 8,000 in Oxford.

Director of the Oxfordshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), Helen Marshall, argued with increasing housing need comes an urgency to protect the Green Belt.

She said: "We see it as a cynical move by the city council."

She added: "There is very little point of having a Green Belt if you are going to build on it as soon as you get the chance."

The council report, by executive director of regeneration and housing David Edwards, states: "Our assessment is that quality of the area is poor and it is appropriate to review Green Belt boundaries."

Post Office launches longer hours

FIREFIGHTERS who helped extinguish the blaze at Kidlington's Co-Operative store last year were on hand to launch the extended opening hours for the Post Office within the shop last Friday.

A full renovation of the shop was completed last year following the fire, before the Post Office moved into the store in May.

The firefighters were joined by local residents, representatives from Kidlington Parish Council and the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes for the launch.

It had previously been based in Oxford Road.

Clare Downs, head of Post Offices and services at The Midcounties Co-Operative, said: "Its new convenient location is ideal for residents, who are now able to do their shopping and Post Office transactions in one place."

"We were really pleased with the turnout

and it was a great way to mark the occasion, especially welcoming back the fire service."

Adrian Skinner, Post Office area manager, added: "We understand how important having a Post Office is to residents in Kidlington."

"This is part of a major investment programme, and marks a commitment to no more branch closures."

The Kidlington branch is now open from 7am to 10pm Mondays to Saturdays, and from 10am to 4pm on Sundays.



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Better broadband

BRIZE NORTON: Servicemen and their families at RAF Brize Norton are set to benefit from a new high-speed wi-fi network, which launched on Tuesday.

It is the largest wi-fi system to be deployed at any Ministry of Defence site in England, and will give 6,000 personnel faster Internet speeds.

The network covers the permanent accommodation blocks on the site, as well as communal areas across the station.

Road collision

OXFORD: Wolvercote Roundabout was closed on Monday morning after a collision between a truck, van and car.

It happened at around 11.25am, and was shut for approximately two hours.

Cancellation

OXON: Healthwatch Oxfordshire has cancelled its conference with the community and voluntary sector that had been scheduled for next Wednesday.

The conference had been due to take place at The King's Centre in Osney Mead, Oxford, but fewer than expected booking numbers led to it being postponed until the autumn.

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Church theft

FARINGDON: Three coils of stainless steel have been stolen from a church

Thieves broke into a building site through a graveyard fence at All Saints Church, in Church Street and stole the 5kg coils, sometime between June 13 and 15.

Glider crash

UFFINGTON: A glider who crashed into White Horse Hill escaped injury last Sunday.

Police were called at about 1.47pm after the fixed wing glider crash-landed.

Paramedics and firefighters also attended the scene.

Inspector Rachel Patterson said: "There were quite a few tourists at the scene and I would like to thank everyone for their assistance while the emergency services did their work and helped the pilot."

SCAS meeting

OXON: South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) is inviting Oxfordshire residents to meet with the trust's public governors at Blewbury's Sports Pavilion this month.

Governors will be available to speak to residents about the service, as well as their role in the health service.

SCAS governor Mike Shread said: "It is important our rural communities are represented and kept updated."

The meeting on July 15 starts from 6.30pm.

Oxford 'leading the way' with green projects across the city

By Adam Flinn

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THE Minister of State for Transport, Baroness Susan Kramer, has said she was "very pleased" with measures Oxford City Council had taken to improve air quality.

Baroness Kramer made the comment as part of a visit to the city on Monday to speak with councillors and staff about what was being done to reduce emissions.

She visited the eCar club in Summertown, Thornhill Park and Ride to see the county council's cycle hire scheme, and Cutteslowe Park to find out

more about the city council's fleet of electric vehicles.

"I'm very focused on getting low emission and ultra-low emission vehicles used widely in the country, and Oxford in many ways has been leading the way," said Baroness Kramer.

"Its green buses and hybrid bus schemes are important from a cutting carbon perspective, but also in improving air

quality in Oxford itself, which is a very important goal.

"There's also a broader picture. We've put £6.8million into the A34/M40 junction and £1.3m into junction 10 of the M40, so there's a lot to do outside of the work I came to look at."

John Tanner, city council board member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford, hopes that Baroness Kramer's visit will lead to extra Government funding for Oxford.

He said: "I'm thrilled that Baroness Kramer has come because it shows the government is giving their support for the low carbon, low pollution strategy we've been pursuing here in Oxford."

"We've got a much cleaner atmosphere than we used to have, and that's good, but we need to go further."

"We want to make the air even cleaner, and again we would like government to support that, so I hope that Susan Kramer will go back to Whitehall and look down the sofa, and find Oxford some more money."

Ian Thompson, parks operational manager for the city council, added: "Hopefully the council will go for more funding, which brings our costs down as well as getting more environmentally-friendly vehicles."



• (From left) Cllr David Nimmo Smith, skilled gardener Keith Johnson, Ian Thompson, Cllr John Tanner and Baroness Susan Kramer discuss transport at Cutteslowe Park

MP's Corner

Andrew Smith

MP for Oxford East



IT was a privilege last week to be at the flag-raising event at Oxford Castle in support of our armed services, to mark the week leading up to the annual national Armed Forces Day last Saturday.

It is important to reflect on all that we owe to those who put their lives on the line in our defence, and it was good to see senior representatives of the armed forces community in Oxfordshire join with cadets from across the county to take part in these important commemorative events. This is a particularly important event for Oxfordshire, which plays host to large numbers of military personnel.

The week also saw the House of Commons debate on the commemoration of World War One. Speaking in the debate, I said I want to take this opportunity to place on record my profound respect for all those from Oxfordshire and beyond who served and suffered, along with their families, during the First World War.

As is evident from so many

of the contributions we have heard, the scale of people's courage and sacrifice was matched only by the horrors that they were forced to endure.

In a real sense, whatever we are able to say here in such debates cannot do justice to what people who went through the First World War endured. It is almost beyond our imagination. The epitaph to the centenary must be a firm resolve on the part of us all to do everything we can to prevent such carnage from happening again.

I also made a point of praising those who tend the Commonwealth war graves, and the role of the Royal British Legion and all it does in supporting our armed services.

Oxfordshire is holding a number of events mark the centenary of World War One, including events at The Ashmolean and Bodleian Library, with activities ranging from photographic exhibitions, walking tours, theatre and musical productions.



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Car thefts

OXON: Three vehicles were broken into across the county on June 16.

A car window was smashed and a nail gun was stolen in Arnolds Way, Cumnor, while tools were taken from a vehicle in Harcourt Road, Wantage, and a van in Grundy Crescent, Kennington.

Call 101 with information.

Boats targeted

CUMNOR: Two men have been arrested after motor boat engines were stolen from a site on Cumnor Road on June 17.

The engines, worth between £25-30,000, were stolen at 4.57am and were traced to Gloucestershire.

They have since been recovered and the men have been bailed by police.

Council meeting

OXON: South Central Ambulance Service's (SCAS) performance is to be discussed at Oxfordshire County Council's joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee today from 10am.

Oxfordshire's area manager Aubrey Bell will discuss service's performance particularly in rural areas.

It will also hear from planning and information director at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, Andrew Stevens, about a recent Care Quality Commission inspection.

Oxford's arts centres and museums get almost £10m

OXFORDSHIRE will get more than £9.7million in funding from Arts Council England between 2015 and 2018, it was announced on Tuesday.

A number of cultural institutions in the city will benefit from the money, including Oxford University Museums, Oxford Playhouse and Pegasus Theatre.

The money comes from the Government and the National Lottery, and supports museums, libraries and the arts across the country.

Oxford University Museums will receive £4.35m over the next three years to support its work at the Ashmolean Museum, the Museum of the History of Science, the Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum.

Professor Ian Walmsley, pro-vice-chancellor for academic services and university collections at the University of Oxford, said: "The grant will help ensure that the galleries and the expertise of their curatorial staff are even better used."

"Oxford University Museums will continue to play a significant leadership role in the sector."

Oxford Playhouse is to get £379,474 for each of the three

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years, as well as an extra £486,284 for the refurbishment of the theatre's auditorium, foyer and circle bar areas.

Interim director Polly Cole said: "We're absolutely delighted."

She added: "Not only does it recognise the strength of the artistic work on our stage and its impact on the community, but it allows us to continue bringing world-class theatre to Oxford."

Pegasus Theatre will get £299,973 per year until 2018.

CEO and artistic director Jonathan Lloyd said: "This grant allows us to provide an exemplary programme of creative learning, training and participation at the heart of a theatre presenting and producing urgent and inspiring work."

"On behalf of all the young people we engage with, we are grateful for the continued support."

Other groups in Oxfordshire to benefit from funding include Modern Art Oxford, Modern Poetry in Translation, and Oxford Contemporary Music.

Designs for new children's home revealed

PLANS have been unveiled by the county council for a new children's home in Didcot.

The Mereland Road home is one of four Oxfordshire County Council plan to build, including an assessment centre in Thame.

The 'move-on' style lodgings will house up to four 17 to 19-year-olds who are preparing to leave the council's care.

The county council say the homes will enable more vulnerable young people to remain in

Oxfordshire.

Melinda Tilley, cabinet member for children, education and families, said: "As well as helping ensure the safety of vulnerable young people in care, the new homes would reduce the need to send children to out-of-county placements many miles away which cannot be as effectively monitored."

"We all have a responsibility to help keep children safe, especially vulnerable young people who have often experi-

enced traumatic childhoods.

"We want to work with local communities to provide the best possible environment for our young people."

The Didcot home will be located within a residential area with good access to public transport, education, employment and leisure facilities.

Plans for the other two children's homes are still under development and the county council is yet to confirm their locations.



• An artist's impression of the Didcot children's home in Mereland Road

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Children's care services rated 'good' by Ofsted

OXFORDSHIRE'S children's social care services have been rated as good in the latest Ofsted report.

Inspectors visited Oxfordshire County Council between April 29 and May 21 to analyse the authority's performance in helping more than 3,100 children in the county's care system.

The council were rated as good in all three categories, and was praised for the "demonstrable difference" it makes to improving the life chances of vulnerable children.

Jim Leivers, the county council's director for children, education and families, said: "The rating is the result of hard work by everyone who works with children and families."

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"We are pleased that Ofsted has found that children's social services are strong and effective."

"They make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable children and young people in Oxfordshire."

The council was also praised for its work in tackling child sexual exploitation, especially in the aftermath of Operation Bullfinch, which saw seven men jailed last year.

Together with Thames Valley Police, the council set up the Kingfisher Team to investigate exploitation offences in the county.

Melinda Tilley, cabinet member

for children, education and families, said: "There has been a lot in the news about our joint work with the police to combat child sexual exploitation."

"It is, of course, welcome that our work in this area has been recognised as high quality."

"However, tackling child sexual exploitation is only one part of the overall work we do, and it is reassuring that all our work with children and families has been recognised as good."

News of the council's rating comes after the deaths of Jayden Parkinson, 17, and Connor Tremble, 17, within the last year while they were in the care system.

Oxfordshire County Council refused to comment further.

News Bites

Theft from a boat

WALLINGFORD: An iPad was stolen from a boat outside a Wallingford pub on June 15 and 16.

The incident happened between 12pm and 2.30pm while the craft was moored outside the Boat House Pub, High Street.

Police are reminding people to remove all items from inside their boats before leaving them unoccupied.

Kids get reading

OXON: Youngsters can explore a 'mythical maze' as part of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, run by Oxfordshire County Council.

Children are encouraged to read at least six books over the holidays to earn a wristband, medal and certificate.

It is running from July 12 to September 13. For more details, go to mythical-maze.org.uk.

Tidy up push

OXFORD: Littlemore residents saw Oxford City Council's Cleaner, Greener campaign come to their neighbourhood last Saturday, in an effort to tidy up the area.

It was launched at Littlemore Community Play Day to improve recycling, target graffiti and tackle dog fouling.

Cllr John Tanner said: "The campaign is to make Littlemore tidier and get more residents involved."

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Man behind bars for 14 years



A MAN convicted of 20 acts of sexual assault against four young girls in Oxford has been jailed for 14 years.

Danny Prin, 37, of Kennet Road, Bicester, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court last Wednesday for 10 counts of indecent assault, six of indecency with children and four of rape on the girls, aged between six and 10.

It related to offences that took place between 1993 and 1995 within the city.

Prin pleaded guilty to one count of indecent assault, but was found guilty of the others by unanimous jury verdicts. He was acquitted of one further count.

Investigating officer Det Con Mat-

thew Hodgetts said: "Recent high-profile trials of celebrities obscure the fact that the victims of historic abuse of children are often ordinary people."

"In this case, the crimes occurred 20 years ago, but it would be wrong just to leave events in the past."

"As the victims gave evidence, it became apparent that what happened has continued to affect them."

"I hope the fact that a jury has believed them will help them move forward with their lives."

"To others who are suffering in silence, this case shows that it is never too late to come forward to seek justice."

• Danny Prin

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Photo theft

CUMNOR: Thieves have stolen photographic equipment from a vehicle parked in Oxford Road.

It happened on June 25 between 2pm and 4.50pm, and police are appealing for witnesses who may have seen anyone acting suspicious in the area to come forward.

Contact 101 with information.

RSPB fun day

OXFORD: A day of wildlife discovery is being planned at Oxford University Parks on Sunday.

The RSPB are hosting a range of interactive activities for the family, including bug hunting, nature trails, games and crafts.

RSPB spokesman Sharon Boardman said: "I'm thrilled we're getting together to celebrate the wildlife of Oxford."

It's running from 11am to 4pm.

M40 car crash

CHERWELL: A man is recovering in hospital after crashing through trees and coming to a stop on its side on the M40.

He sustained serious injuries in the crash, which happened between junctions 11 and 10 on June 24 at around 11am.

Fire crews had to remove the roof of the car to free the man, who was taken to hospital by air ambulance.

Variety show is set to help charity stay alive

A MUSIC therapy charity which is under threat of closure is hoping to raise funds with a variety show at Oxford's New Theatre this weekend.

Rosie's Rainbow Fund, which runs therapy sessions at the John Radcliffe Hospital, has seen a drop in donations over the past few months.

The charity supports seriously ill and disabled children

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in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, and launched a rescue appeal in the winter to try and raise money.

It has gained backing from celebrities including Downton Abbey actress Joanne Froggatt, who joined in with a session at

the John Radcliffe in May.

And she hopes that this Sunday's show 'We Can Sing a Rainbow' will help raise the necessary funds to keep the charity going.

Joanne said: "If Rosie's Rainbow Fund was forced to shut down because of lack of funds, many families and children would not get the amazing support that they offer."

"The 'We Can Sing a Rainbow' show is a wonderful opportunity to see a fantastic group of professional and up-and-coming performers."

"It will also help ensure that Rosie's Rainbow Fund is able to continue providing the services that so many sick children and their families have come to rely upon."

Sunday's show will see a cast of 340 children and adults singing and dancing on the New Theatre stage.

It has been organised by Katie Walford, who is the founder of Kaleidoscope Dance Studios in Twyford, near Banbury.

She said that it had been set up after a former dance student of hers, Rosie Mayling, offered support to sick children she met in hospital while there with her

own illness.

"Knowing Rosie's love of dance and performing, it seemed appropriate to put on a show in her honour," said Katie.

"I hope that through this show we can help, in some small

way, to raise awareness of all the amazing support that this small charity offers to so many families in our local area."

Sunday's show starts at 7pm. For more details, go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

Scott Wilgrove

Mayor of Didcot



Introduction from the mayor

AS this is my first column for the Oxfordshire Guardian I thought I'd start with a few words about me. I was born in Didcot and I have lived here all my life, I am married to Penny and we have two teenage children.

When I was elected Mayor in May this year I said I was honoured to take on the role for the coming year. Having been in post for a few weeks I would like to add that is a massive privilege to be invited to so many events and to get an insight into the work that goes on in and around Didcot.

I have chosen the Railway

Centre as my charity because I want to support an organisation that was specifically Didcot. The centre is unique in the work it does to preserve and restore not just engines, but buildings and artefacts from an era that has totally disappeared which in turn raises the town's profile and brings in visitors.

Didcot is an old town and has a small number of listed buildings. Three of these are located at the Railway Centre. Any money I raise during the coming year will be put towards play equipment for the younger visitors.



• Joanne Froggatt, Thomaz Lusby-Roberts, Andy Stevens and Carolyn Mayling at one of the music therapy sessions held at the John Radcliffe by Rosie's Rainbow Fund (Picture by Jack Johnson)



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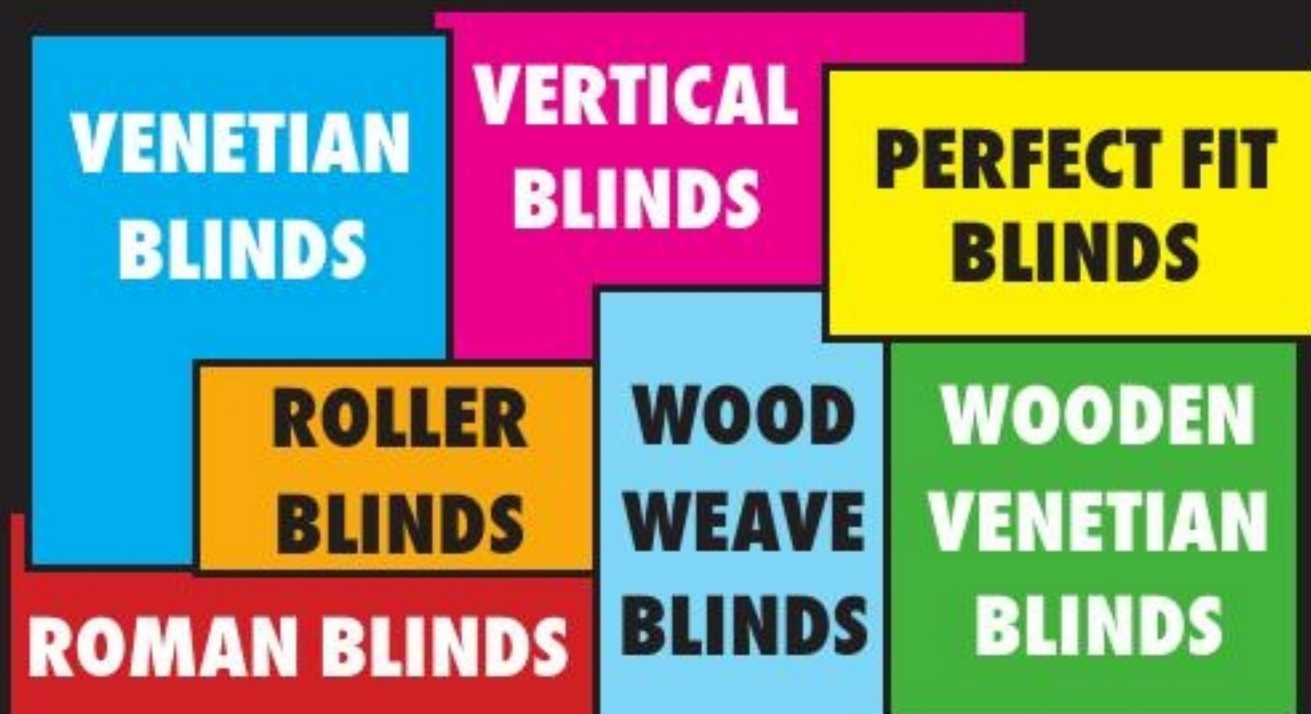
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Comments sought over roundabouts

THE consultation for a proposed £9million improvement scheme at the Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts in Oxford is being launched today.

Oxfordshire County Council is looking to turn Cutteslowe into a 'hamburger' style junction, widening both of the A40 approaches and adding new pedestrian and cycle crossings.

And additional lanes from the A40 and A44 would be installed at Wolvercote, as well as traffic lights and crossings on the roundabout.

Godstow Road would remain open without traffic lights, while Five Mile Drive would be closed off at the junction.

The scheme has been announced as part of the Oxford and Oxfordshire City Deal back in January as part of the council's transport vision.

David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport, said: "Wolvercote and Cutteslowe junctions suffer from congestion on all the approaches, but particularly the A40.

"These proposals aim to reduce journey times through

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the two junctions, while avoiding negative impacts on the A34.

"It will improve safety for all road users, but particularly pedestrians and cyclists, and improve the urban environment by reducing traffic noise and emissions.

"Oxfordshire is thriving. As a result, the county's population is growing and bringing some big transport challenges.

"If Oxfordshire is to continue to prosper, we need to think about transport creatively and consider every option."

Details of the proposals will be on display over the next week, starting at The White Hart Pub in Godstow Road today from 2pm to 8pm.

Further displays will be at St Peter's Church Hall, on Godstow Road, on Saturday from 10am to 3pm, and at Cutteslowe Community Centre, on Wren Road, next Thursday between 2pm and 8pm.

To view the proposals online or to comment, go to oxfordshire.gov.uk/wolvercotecutteslowe.

Astrid celebrates first birthday

COTSWOLD Wildlife Park celebrated the first birthday of one of its most popular residents this week.

Astrid the rhino was born on July 1, 2013, and has been sent dozens of birthday cards to mark the occasion.

She was the first southern white rhino calf to be born to parents Nancy and Monty, and also the first to be born at the park in its 44-year history.

Reggie Heyworth, Cotswold Wildlife Park's managing director, said: "Astrid is such a character and growing up fast.

"If she had long hair she would be tossing it, if she could walk through a door she would be slamming it, and if she had opposable digits she'd be borrowing lipstick.

"Luckily she can't do any of those things, but she is turning into quite the little madam!"

Mark Goodwin, section head of mammals at the park, said Astrid was a "true star".

"She is the biggest thing to happen in my career so far, and

a true star with a character to match," he said. "I look forward to the day she goes on to be part of the breeding programme and the day when a rhino birth is a regular event at the park."



• Astrid the rhino

News Bites

Start canoeing

CHERWELL: Teenagers and young adults in the district are being encouraged to take up canoeing.

Cherwell District Council launched its first canoeing session yesterday at Banbury's Woodgreen Open Air Pool, and will be repeated every Wednesday until August 13.

Eco-town views

BICESTER: Residents are being asked for their feedback on plans to build 6,000 houses as part of Bicester's eco-town.

Cherwell District Council has launched an online consultation, inviting locals to give their opinions on the proposals for north west Bicester.

To complete the survey, go to consult.cherwell.gov.uk/portal/nwb.

Ward boundaries

CHERWELL: Residents have until Monday to submit their views on changes to the district council's ward boundaries.

The review is led by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and will publish draft recommendations for new ward boundaries in September.

In April, the commission agreed the council should have 48 councillors, two fewer than at present.

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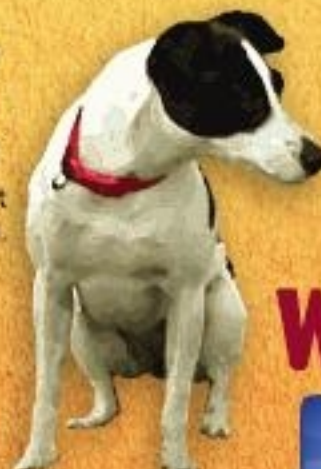
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Sparkling life into the Vale

AN INITIATIVE to help generate jobs, encourage entrepreneurship and boost the local economy in the Vale of White Horse has been launched.

Spark Vale provides local entrepreneurs with a range of business support options including a dedicated website at sparkvale.co.uk.

The site features factsheets, downloadable business tools and training videos, plus a programme of business workshops and one to one business coaching.

September will see the launch of a Spark business idea competition which aims to find and provide more intensive business support to the top innovators in the district.

Spark Vale is a Vale4Business and Bybox funded business support initiative and competition, run by Oxford Innovation.

MEANWHILE, Culham Innovation Centre has announced the appointments of Sandie Alcock as centre manager and David Roberts as assistant centre manager.

Following the announcement of the City Deal earlier this year, which will see significant investment in Culham, the team have been tasked with increasing the centre's occupancy levels by providing start-ups and SMEs with office solutions to help them grow.

£10m expansion plan set for business park

Business Matters

Iain Nicholson



OXFORDSHIRE landlords Jennings have announced a £10m expansion plan for their flagship business park, which could bring up to 300 new jobs to the area.

It would see Monument Park at Chalgrove offer a further 56,000sq ft of commercial space, with room for up to 20 businesses, as well as potential for an education centre, gym, cafe and business lounge, plus apartments for park staff and visitors.

Jennings MD Paul Mabbutt said: "This is an exciting opportunity for us to expand an already

thriving business park and build on the community and support we offer.

"We have a number of tenants who are keen to stay with us but need more space, and we know that new, high quality commercial space is required to support the growth in the Oxfordshire economy.

"As with earlier developments at Monument Park we are committed to building in as an environment-friendly way as possible, employing local suppliers and investing heavily in renewable energy."

Jennings aim to further develop the plan during 2014, seeking would-be tenants look-

ing for 5,000sqft upwards from early 2016.

The plans include the possibility of growing businesses in the science and bioscience sectors who might need dry lab space.

Chalgrove's Monument Park is home to 80 businesses employing 600 people between them.

Jennings also own and manage a business park in Garsington, business centres in Abingdon and Oxford, shops in Thame and warehouse units in Berinsfield.

For more information, go to monument-park.co.uk.



• Architect's drawings of the Monument Park expansion plans

Afrikanet gets new contract

A COMPANY based at Oxfordshire's Culham Innovation Centre has seen off competition from China and France to win a three-year Government contract in Africa.

Afrikanet, which is based at the centre in Culham Science Park off Abingdon Road, has started broadcasting African channels via its satellite service.

It comes after a successful bid with its 10-year local country partner SKA TELECOM TOGO.

The company was founded in 1999 by Casimir Berthier Fotso, aiming to reduce the digital disadvantage experienced by African countries due to lack of investment in infrastructure.

It has since become one of the continent's leading satellite Internet providers.

Casimir said: "The ground infrastructure in Africa is underdeveloped yet it is vital for individuals and businesses to have access to high speed broadband."

The knowledge gained through providing satellite broadband services has enabled Afrikanet to successfully launch a new satellite TV offer to the African continent from its Oxfordshire base.

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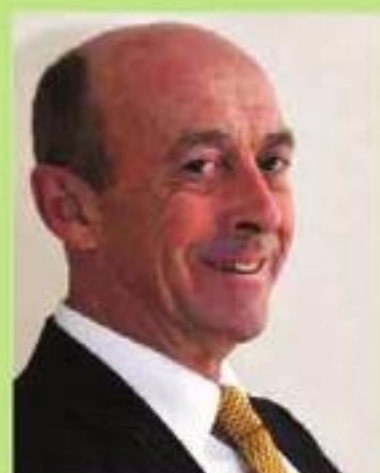


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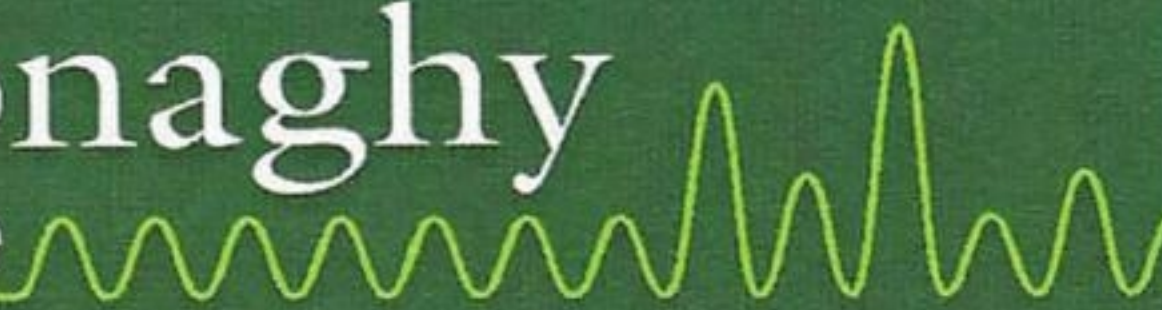
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Tonight's the Night



• Comic theatre show *Tonight's the Night* comes to Oxford's New Theatre next week



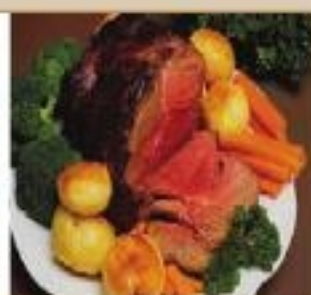
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A comic Rod Stewart show

AN EVENING of Rod Stewart music joins a comedic theatre production for Tonight's The Night, coming to Oxford's New Theatre from Monday.

Written by comedian Ben Elton, the show follows the story of Stuart and Mary, who are both in love with each other but don't realise.

Stu discovers that Mary is a big Rod Stewart fan, so does a deal with the devil to trade his soul with the legendary singer.

But despite finding success as a rock star, Stu realises he can't find true love as another person, and that there can only be one Rod Stewart.

"It's a journey through Rod's greatest hits," said Jenna Lee-James, who plays Mary in the production.

"We've been all round the country, and it goes down great, everyone loves it."

"It's not a tribute, it's just a great evening of Rod Stewart songs, with a bit of a story, and there's loads of comedy that goes on as well. It is a really fun night out."

By Adam Flinn

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More than 20 classic songs feature in Tonight's The Night, including 'Maggie May', 'Do Ya Think I'm Sexy' and 'Baby Jane'.

Jenna - a We Will Rock You star - said the show is different to anything she has worked on before.

"We Will Rock You is written by Ben Elton, so I've known his work previously," Jenna added.

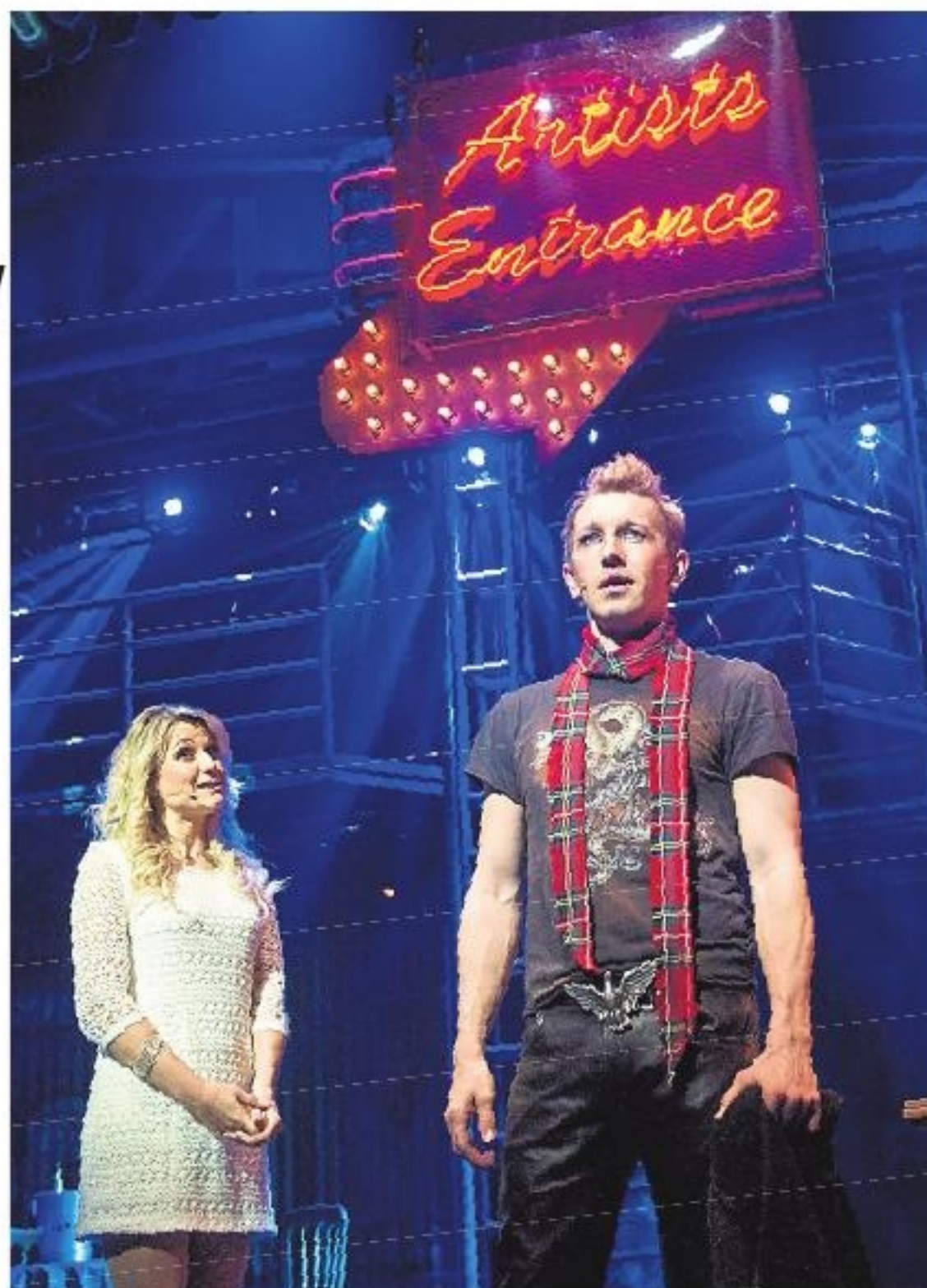
"Knowing Ben's work I get his humour, and it's very different to anything I've played before."

"Mary's not really your rock chick, which is what I've done previously."

"She evolves from this geeky kid into a woman."

The show runs from Monday until July 12. For more information go to newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• Jenna Lee-James as Mary and Ben Heathcote as Stu



Syrian revolution

RETURN to Homs, a new documentary about the revolution in Syria, is at Oxford's Phoenix Picturehouse on Sunday.

The film follows the story of a 19-year-old goalkeeper-turned-insurgent, and won the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year.

The showing will be followed by a Q&A with director Talal Derki.

Magic on show

TIME-TRAVELLING magic duo Morgan and West return to Oxford on Tuesday with new show 'Parlour Tricks'.

The pair claim to have met in Oxford in the late 19th century.

They will be performing their mix of illusions and tricks at the Burton Taylor Studio in Beaumont Street at 8pm.

Swing evening

MICHAEL Law and the Piccadilly Revellers come to Didcot this weekend for an evening of swing music at the Cornerstone.

The six-piece band stars Michael with Louise Cookman on vocals and Enrico Tomasso on trumpet, piano and double bass.

The show begins at 8pm. Go to cornerstone-arts.org to book.

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This is the first year of touring for 25-year-old ringmistress Katie Rogers, who grew up in Wantage and fell in love with the circus from a young age.

Katie actually applied to join the circus five years ago.

"I emailed Jay Millers Circus in 2009," she said. "I always loved the circus growing up as a kid, and then I emailed them just pouring my heart out saying how much I wanted to come and join them."

"And I heard nothing, so I thought, 'ok, I had a shot, the end'."

"But then I heard back from them in 2013 that they needed a new ringmaster or mistress."

Katie auditioned and got the job. Her ambition to join Jay Millers Circus

By Adam Flinn

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came after watching one of their performances for her 21st birthday.

"It's just magical," Katie added. "I've always loved live theatre, it's just a complete spectacular experience from start to finish."

"Watching someone do these incredible feats that don't look real, with beautiful acrobats flying through the air, feats of strength, feats of creativity, beautiful costumes, they look like magic."

"It's the spectacle I think I fell in love with."

The circus comes to The Kincroft in Wallingford from today until Sunday, before heading to the Challow Road Showfield in Wantage from Monday to Wednesday.

For more details go to jaymillerscircus.co.uk.

• Katie with Peppi the clown



Accordion show

CLASSICAL accordion player Paul Chamberlain is bringing his unique skills to Headington's Holy Trinity Church on Saturday.

The nationwide tour is promoting his new album 'Accordion Sensations', released last Sunday.

His debut album 'Classical Accordion' was released to critical acclaim in 2011.

The new tour is set to feature performances from both albums.

"I've put together this tour of concerts this summer to coincide with the new CD," said Paul.

"It's going to be a solo accordion concert with a whole mixture of music, and smaller pieces ranging from Back to Rameau."

"There's quite a wide range of music to suit all tastes - nothing too extreme, nothing too contemporary."

It starts at 7.30pm. For more information go to ents24.com

• Paul Chamberlain comes to Headington at the weekend (Picture by John Need)

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16 Aug 2014, 7:45pm

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<http://www.musicatthebarn.org/>

16 Aug 2014, 3:30pm - 5:30pm
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8				6		9	2	
1	5					7	4	
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Large boiler (8)
- 4 Appear (4)
- 8 Snare (6)
- 10 Draw off (6)
- 11 Fools (5)
- 12 Arrangement (5)
- 14 Successfully dealing with (6)
- 17 Relating to harmony (9)
- 18 Make known (9)
- 22 Lump of gold (6)
- 23 Upright (5)
- 24 Approaches (5)
- 26 Avoided (6)
- 27 Fodder (6)
- 28 Break abruptly (4)
- 29 Discouraged (8)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Masticate (4)
- 2 Speaks (6)
- 3 Crown (6)
- 5 Racial (6)
- 6 Directing (8)
- 7 Buffalo (5)
- 9 Professed (9)
- 10 Those who support a proposal (9)
- 13 Expiring (5)
- 15 Section (5)
- 16 Sharpness (8)
- 18 Tropical lizard (6)
- 19 Principle (5)
- 20 Bear-like (6)
- 21 Pastry (6)
- 25 Repair (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Tap the end of the drink (8)
- 4 The fellow feels sore (4)
- 8 A poet takes nothing on the ship (6)
- 10 Pay to get rid of the tattered edge? (6)
- 11 Fight against the return of the invalid (5)
- 12 Have no right to assert it is valuable property (5)
- 14 See that it is not frozen (6)
- 17 Charged with looking after about ten that are corroded? (9)
- 18 Said in return to be about a meter across the circles (9)
- 22 The peasant is not hot - that is, at the end (6)
- 23 In a few games of tennis there is always something put in (5)
- 24 Show scorn when the visionary has a new beginning (5)
- 26 The consequence of being sure about the officer (6)
- 27 Being secretive about one's age in a wise way (6)
- 28 We hear there is a canvas at the auction (4)
- 29 The last month brought comfort to the dead man (80)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Fruit for a sour person (4)
- 2 Select a hundred stockings? There's nothing in it (6)
- 3 Express impatience about sin up the tower (6)
- 5 Get something distasteful from a march or ride (6)
- 6 The spy meant somehow to get his rewards (8)
- 7 Although he has everything he's still a slave (5)
- 9 Find some merit in the hollow damage (9)
- 10 Denies you have to take a seat inside because of the crowded conditions (9)
- 13 Sail round the north in a leisurely manner? (5)
- 15 Weeping at the divisions (5)
- 16 Sees a difference and rescinds the amendment (8)
- 18 A lord's on his back! (6)
- 19 A small piece of land in the church (5)
- 20 The end of more anger about to cause fury (6)
- 21 Breaks the bond, though always in the ship (6)
- 25 You are old in divine surroundings - and sound like (4)

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Scribble space

This week's solutions

7	5	9	1	4	6	2	3	8
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9	2	4	7	1	8	3	5	6
1	5	6	2	3	9	7	4	8
8	3	7	4	6	5	9	2	1

Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Cauldron 4 Seem 8 Entrap 10 Siphon 11 Dupes 12 Order 14 Coping 17 Symphonic 18 Introduce 22 Nudge 23 Erect 24 Nears 26 Evaded 27 Sludge 28 Snap 29 Deterred
Down: 1 Chew 2 Utters 3 Diadem 5 Ethnic 6 Marrying 7 Bison 9 Furpoised 10 Seconds 13 Dying 15 Piece 16 Keenness 18 Igwana 19 Tenet 20 Urshie 21 Eclair 25 Mend

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Codtail 4 Chap 8 Aboard 10 Defray 11 Repel 12 Asset 14 Notice 17 Entrusted 18 Diameters 22 Cookie 23 Inset 24 Sneer 26 Result 27 Sagely 28 Sale 29 Deceased
Down: 1 Crab 2 Choose 3 Turret 5 Horrid 6 Payments 7 Helot 9 Detriment 10 Densities 13 Snail 15 Tears 16 Discerns 18 Dorsal 19 Aisle 20 Enrage 21 Severs 25 Dyed



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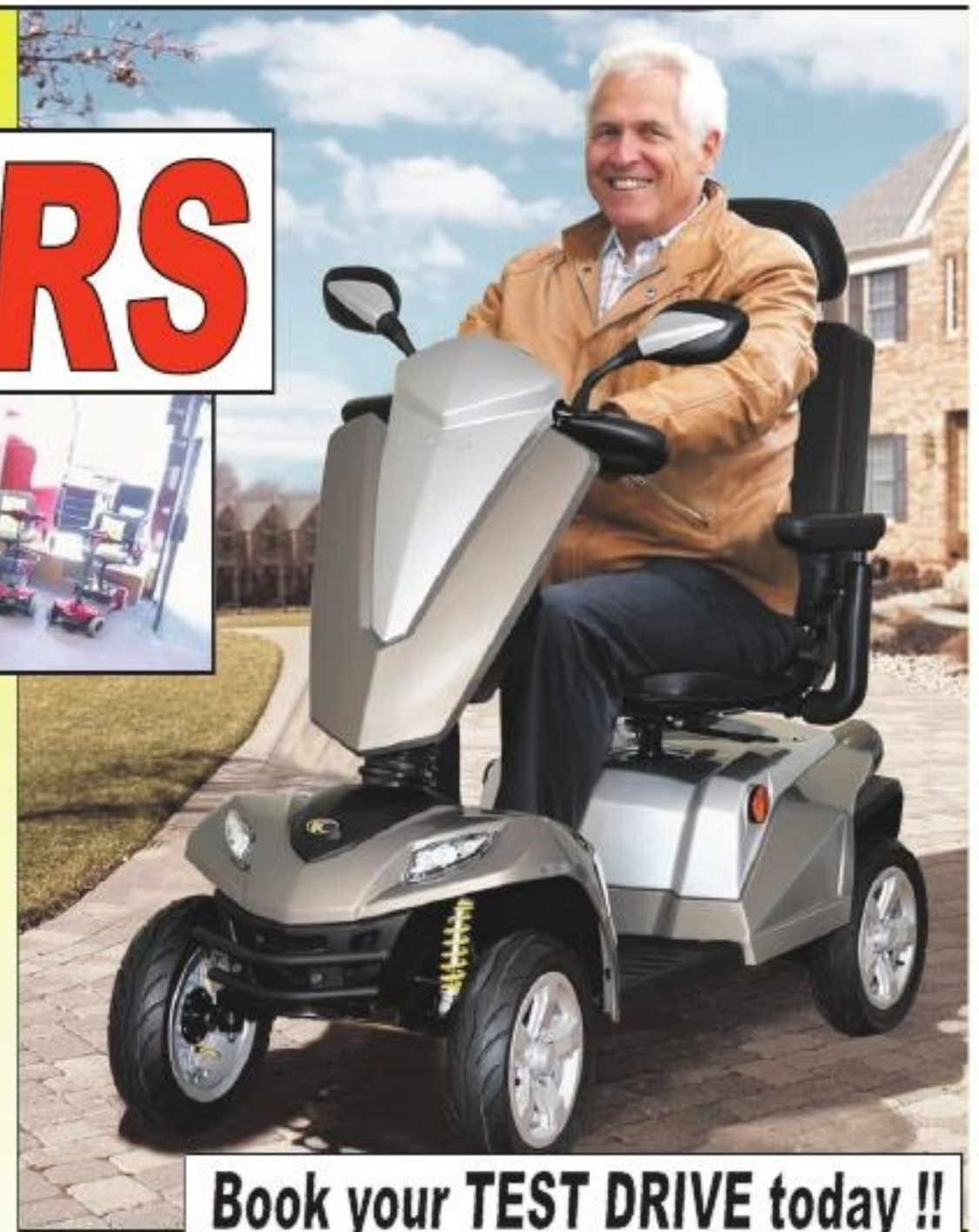


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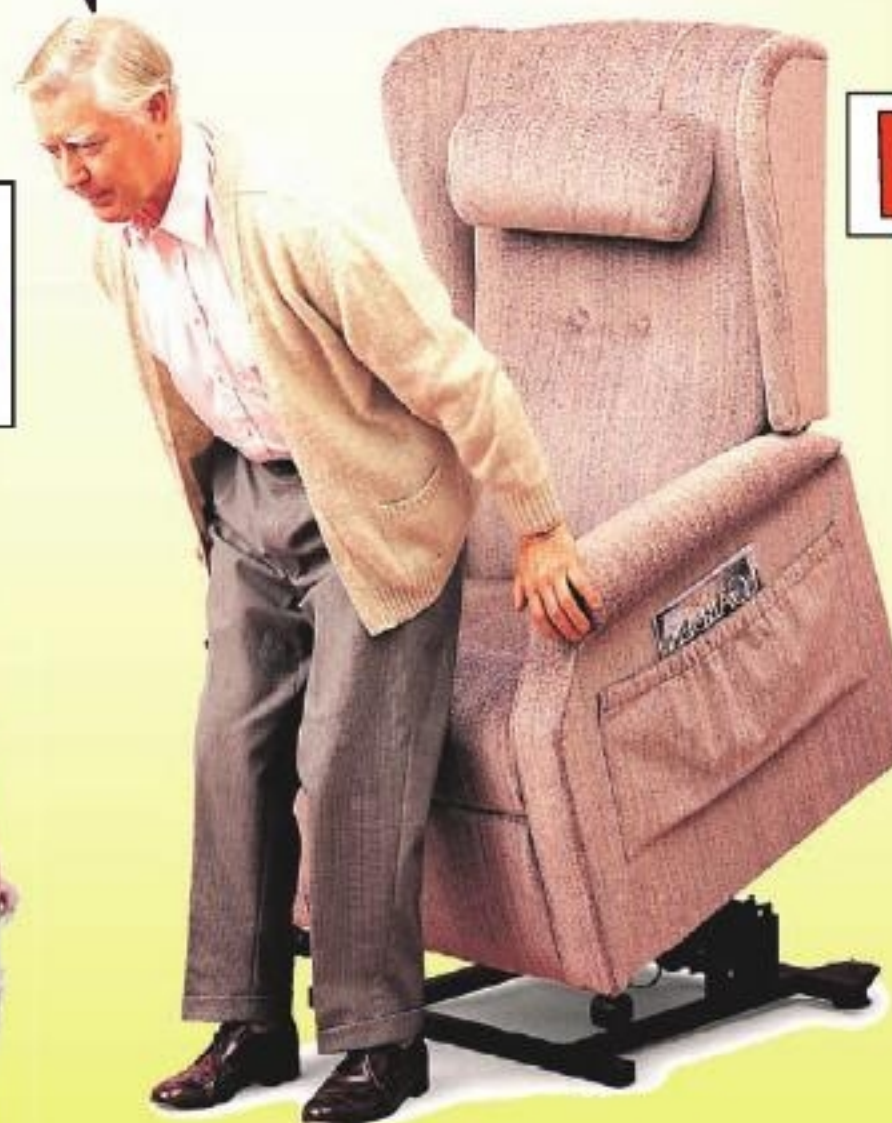


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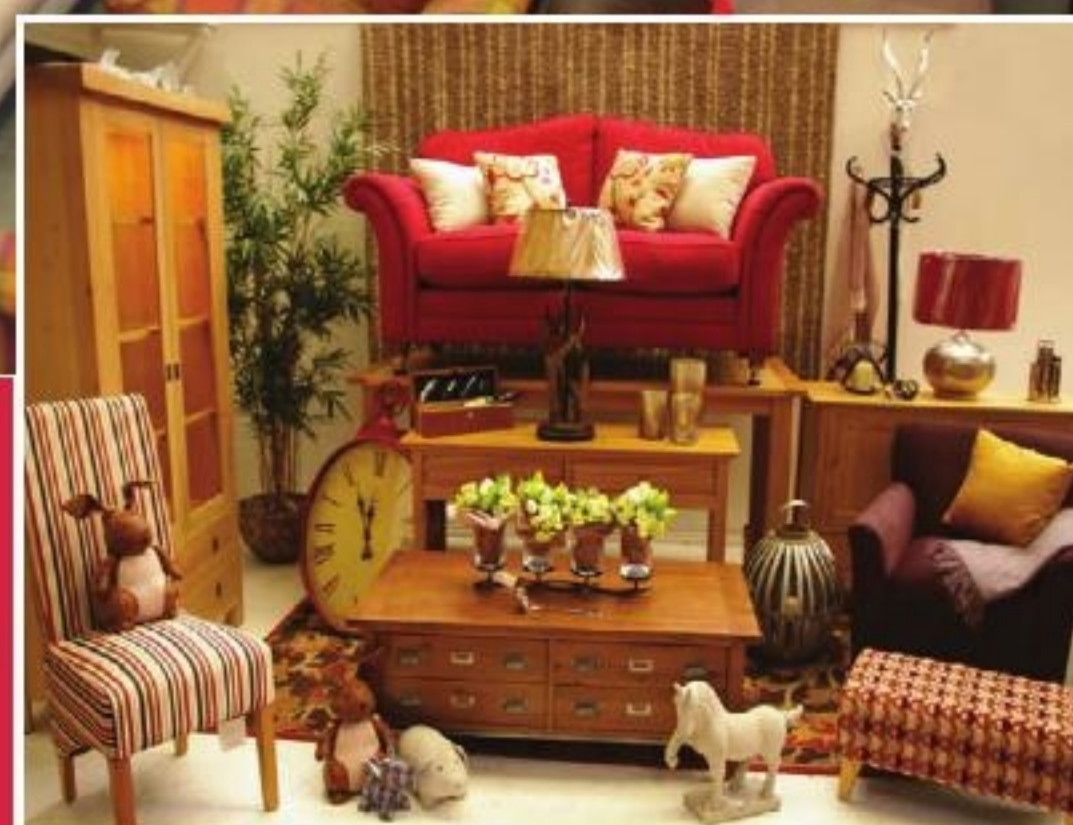
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Summer Feature

Be waterwise this summer

Here are some topical tips on making the most of your garden when the heat is on...

WE may have had the warmest spring on record, but last winter was also the wettest, so we are a long way from a drought and hosepipe ban. However, with experts predicting the dry weather is here to stay, gardeners will be working out ways to save water. The Royal Horticultural Society offers the following tips to gardeners who want to put the water where it's most needed:

- Established trees and shrubs do not generally need watering as they have such wide-ranging roots that they are drought-proof. However, their growth may be improved by watering when they are under drought stress

- Trees and shrubs planted less than five years ago have increased water requirements and may suffer drought stress without watering

- Newly sown or newly planted areas are very vulnerable to water stress, so

By Hannah Stephenson

watering these should be a high priority

- Herbaceous perennials often need watering to boost their performance in hot, dry spells. Plant choice is crucial if you want to achieve a drought-proof border. Drought resistant plants include cordyline, hebe, lavender, Verbena bonariensis, eryngium, euphorbia, diascia, cosmos, gazania, nemesia and, of course, pelargoniums. Many drought-tolerant plants have silver or grey-green leaves, their light leaf colour reflecting the harsh rays of the sun.

- The yields and quality of vegetables and fruit are greatly improved by watering at times when drought stress would affect the part of the plant that is gathered. Leafy crops such as lettuce and spinach should never be short of water. Onions require little or no water-

ing. Most other crops need watering at sowing and transplanting time, and then again as the fruits, roots or tubers are developing. It is also a good idea to give a single, thorough watering about two weeks before harvest

- Lawns require great quantities of water for thorough irrigation, but instead of watering in dry periods, mow less closely and less frequently. Brown patches usually recover when the autumn rains return.

- Mulching with a layer of organic matter or gravel at least 5cm (2in) thick reduces moisture loss from the upper layers of the soil.

Less than 3% of the annual water consumption of an average household is estimated to be from garden use, but at peak times as much as 70% of water supplied may be used in gardens.

Even in dry districts, 24,000 litres (5,280 gallons or 150 water butts) could be collected from the roof each year, says the RHS.

Sean Laverick of the Homebase Garden Academy advises waterwise gardeners to store their water in water butts and invest in a water butt pump which enables you to use your hose with a water butt.

"Most garden watering should be aimed specifically at the stem bases beneath the foliage canopy, leaving the surrounding soil dry," he says. "This helps to limit weed problems and ensures all the water goes where it is needed."

If you are short of time, invest in seep hoses, which have holes in them to deliver water accurately to established plants and plants in rows. They can be hidden beneath soil or mulch, which also avoids evaporation losses and work best on heavy soil where the water

spreads further sideways as it sinks than on lighter soils.

Automated irrigation systems are another option to save time and labour. They feature drip or trickle irrigation systems and some are remotely operated through sensors which can monitor when your soil needs watering.

Mix water storing gel in with the compost in your container plants, to save and store a lot of the water you normally use, the gel slowly releasing water to the roots.

Keep your soil as wet as possible - mulch on the ground surface prevents evaporation from the soil, providing increased moisture retention. Some lawnmowers now have mulching plugs that return fine grass

cuttings back on to the lawn's surface.

Finally, says Sean, don't panic: "Long-term weather predictions should still see summer rain which will allow plants to thrive over

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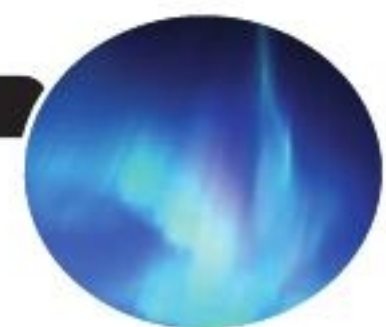
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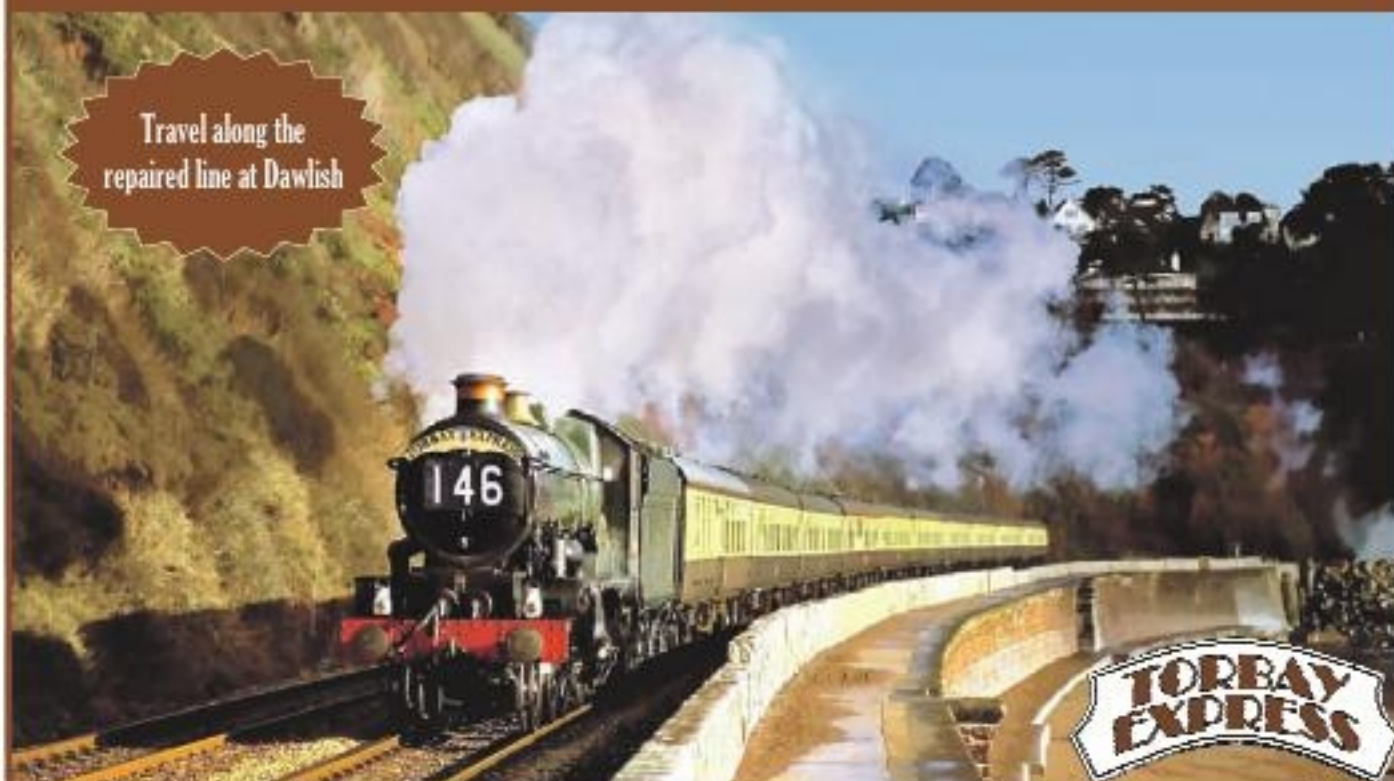


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In order to keep up to date with the latest gadgets and trends, the all-new XC90 will have an in-car control system on the market.

It is crucially easier to use, making sure that drivers will be able to keep their eyes on the road as much as possible while operating or making adjustments to the new system.

The new changes to the XC90 include integrated cloud-based applications for music streaming and the world's first integrated park and pay application.

The touch screen display can mirror and use Apple iOS devices.

Vice President of electric and electronics engineering at Volvo Car Group Thomas Müller said they made the step up because it is important for modern cars to have the Internet.

"As cars increasingly become more connected to the Internet and are able to offer a far wider range of functions

REVIEW: Volvo XC90

By James Richings

and entertainment services, the way in which the driver interacts with the car's systems is becoming progressively more important," he said.

"It is essential that these services are offered in a way that does not reduce safety levels and in a manner that is easy to understand and optimised for the driving task."

The new touch screen display replaces the original selection of buttons and controls in the centre stack with one sleek control panel, to give the car that up to date look, and most importantly, to give the driver that ultimate driving experience.

The new touch screen device for the Volvo XC90 has been dubbed Sensus.

It has been modified in a way that aims to encourage drivers to build an instinctive understanding of how the system works, where the controls are located and how to operate them.

The all new Volvo XC90 will be released later on this year.



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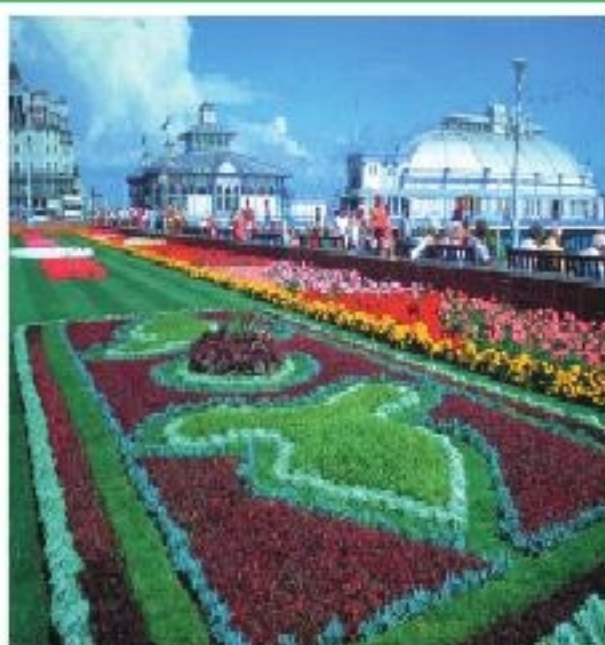
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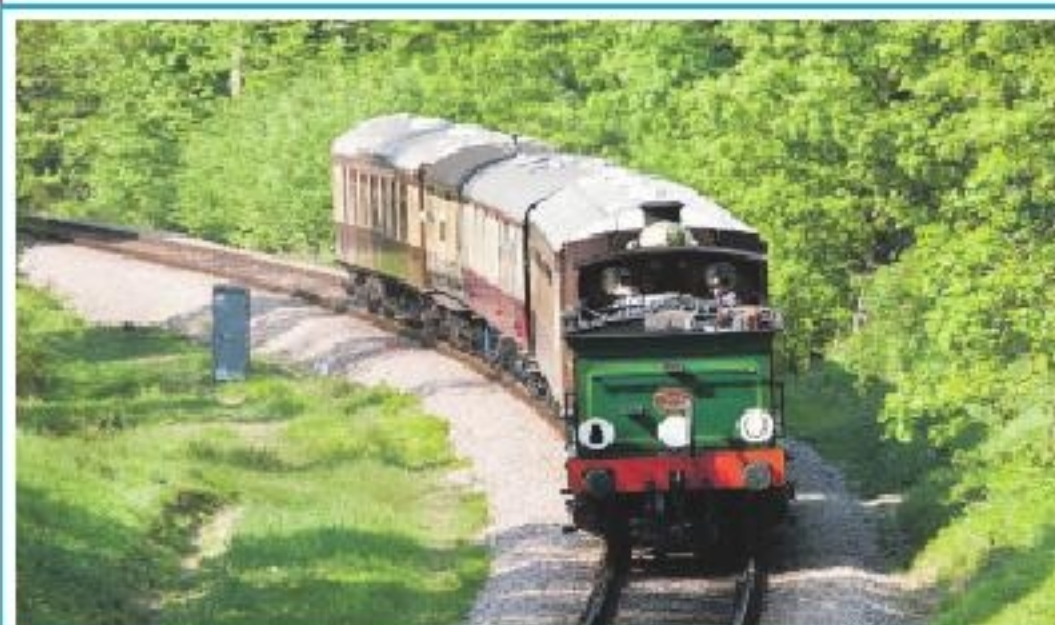
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Dragons grow with big name signings

DEAN Schofield and Darren Waters have become the latest players to sign for London Welsh as the Exiles continue to strengthen ahead of their top-flight return.

The Exiles have signed 19 new

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players since winning promotion back to the Aviva Premiership. Schofield and Waters are join-

ing from Worcester Warriors and Newport Gwent Dragons.

Schofield, a former England international, adds to the Exiles' plethora of second row forward options.

The 35-year-old, who was a

part of Sale Sharks' 2006 title winning side and has also turned out for French side RC Toulon, brings top-flight rugby experience to the Kassam Stadium.

Exiles head coach Justin Burnell said: "Dean is a big man

with a wealth of experience from a technical and tactical aspect of the game, which is very important for us, and his leadership qualities speaks for itself."

Flanker Waters, who spent three seasons with Newport, first caught Burnell's attention five years ago.

The 29-year-old impressed Burnell while on trial at Pontypridd in 2009 and starred in Newport's LV=Cup win over the Exiles in 2013.

"I've known Darren for a long time, going back to watching him at his time at Pontypridd and then at the Dragons, he's a sheer raw talent," said Burnell.

"He's phenomenal at the breakdown, one of the best I've seen, and he has an abundance of energy."

"He's going to be an absolutely fantastic asset and a really positive addition to our environment."

The Dragons are playing Pontypridd in a pre-season friendly on August 21.

• Dean Schofield (left) and Darren Waters (right) have joined London Welsh (Picture by Huw Evans Images)

New assistant coach to focus on the scrum

LONDON Welsh's head coach Justin Burnell said new assistant coach Matthew Ferguson will help London Welsh "be competitive" in the Aviva Premiership next season.

On Monday, the Exiles announced Ferguson would join current coaches Gordon Ross and Ollie Smith.

Ferguson will focus on working on the Exiles in the scrum.

Ferguson has coached at Bristol and Cardiff Blues and has worked alongside former England international Graham Roundtree at the RFU.

Burnell said: "We're very fortunate to be able to add Matthew to our existing and excellent coaching staff."

"Matt's knowledge of the scrum is second to none."

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He added: "Last year's success was based on an ethic of hard work which was constantly evident within the players' group, but quietly behind the scenes the work of the whole management structure was tremendous."

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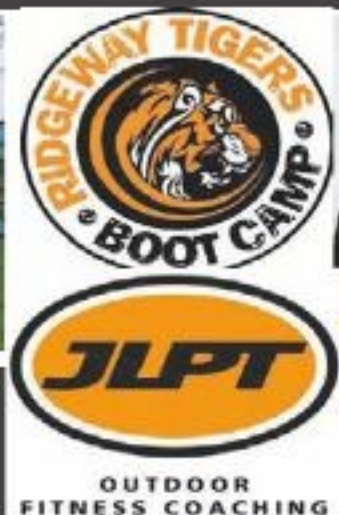
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New striker Danny Hylton

By Jack Johnson

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joined the squad, while James Roberts, Sam Humphreys, Josh Ashby and Aidan Hawtin began their first day as professional footballers.

Head coach Gary Waddock was pleased to see his players and to begin pre-season.

"It is good to have everyone back," he told the club.

"Danny Hylton settled in straight away and we have Jon

Meades and Johnny Mullins back after injury last season so it was a good positive start.

"Monday was more about settling in, talking through what we expect from them as individuals and as a group and how we plan to achieve it, and then easing back in to the hard work that they will do throughout pre-season."

Waddock added: "They had programmes to stick to through the summer and first impressions were very good.

"They have been thoroughly

tested and the results will be studied and then the serious hard work starts as the week build up."

Meanwhile, Oxford United's ladies' team recorded their first victory in the Women's Super League 2 last Sunday, with a 2-1 win over Durham.

United are now off the bottom of the table, thanks to spectacular goals from Kayleigh Hines and Jemma Connor-Iommi.

However, it did not start well for United as, despite their positivity, Emily Scott fired Durham

into the lead at the back post.

United were soon back in the game as Hines spotted Danielle Hill off her line and floated the ball into the top corner from 40 yards.

And Oxford sealed the win late on when Connor-Iommi's corner curled dangerously towards goal and, despite being cleared, crossed the line.

As the Guardian went to print, United were in action against Birmingham City in the FA Women's Super League Continental Cup.

Sport Bites

Decent showing

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell recorded another strong result on Sunday, this time at the BMW International Open in Germany.

Rounds of 72, 64, 72 and 67 gave Pepperell a final tournament score of 13 under par, and a share of 31st place.

He has made the cut at five of his last six competitions, and earned £16,900 for his exploits at the weekend.

Oxford beaten

OXFORD Rugby League lost their sixth game in succession on Sunday, as they were beaten 38-22 at home to Oldham.

They have dropped to seventh following their run of poor results, with 13 points from 13 matches.

Oxford return to action this Sunday, with a trip to face South Wales Scorpions.

Narrow defeat

A MISSED kick cost Oxford Saints dear on Saturday, as they were narrowly beaten by Shropshire Revolution 21-20.

The score was tied going into the second half before Saints scored a four-yard touchdown, but Stephen Bentley couldn't convert the two-point kick.

Shropshire were then able to score on a 58-yard run and kick the PAT to steal the victory.

Saints next play Sandwell Steelers on July 20.

New owners at Caterham ahead of the British GP

LEAFIELD-BASED Caterham F1 Team has been sold to a consortium of Swiss and Middle Eastern investors, the team announced yesterday.

The purchase was overseen by former F1 team principal Colin Kolles, who previously worked with the Midland and HRT outfits.

Ex-F1 driver Christijan Albers, who drove for Kolles at Midland in 2006, will take over from Cyril Abiteboul with the day-to-day running of the team with immediate effect.

Caterham was sold by Tony Fernandes with the team bottom of the constructors' championship standings, having scored no points in its five-year history.

Albers said: "We are aware of the huge challenge ahead of us given the fight at the bottom end of the championship, and our target now is to aim for 10th place."

"We are very committed to the future of the team and we will ensure that the team has the necessary resources to develop, and grow and achieve everything it is capable of," he added.

The team return to action this weekend with the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, with drivers Kamui Kobayashi and Marcus Ericsson hoping to move up the order.

Podium and penalty for Plato at weekend

IT was a tough weekend for Jason Plato in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), but the Oxford-based driver did manage to collect a haul of points for his efforts.

Plato's race day at Croft got off to a good start as he held off Rob Collard's faster BMW for the entire race to claim the final spot on the podium in the first race.

But Collard was able to get ahead of Plato at the start of race two, and he soon lost further positions to Matt Neal and Andrew Jordan.

And as Alain Menu made a

one, the MG driver turned in on the Swiss and spun him off the track.

He eventually finished sixth, before being promoted to fifth following Neal's post-race disqualification, but was given a 10-place grid penalty for the final race for the clash with Menu.

This meant that he started 16th on the grid, making his way up to 10th by the chequered flag.

Plato sits fourth in the BTCC standings with 179 points.

• Jason Plato (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)



Dan one of 38 in region to get funding

YOUNG athletes in South Oxfordshire are set to benefit from a £20,800 award pot, as part of GLL Sport Foundation's funding support programme.

Thirty-eight sport stars have been given funding, including Didcot shooter Dan Rivers, who has been selected for the England squad at the Commonwealth Games.

"As an athlete on the Great Britain development squad with my sights set on the Olympic Games, funding is key to ensure I meet my goals," said Dan, 22.

"Regular travel and training is expensive and this award will help me to meet my goals and win medals."

Supported athletes get training grants of up to £1,250, as well as memberships at GLL operated venues.

Peter Bunday, chair of GLL Sport Foundation, said: "There has never been a more exciting time to be involved in helping young sporting talent."

"The success of the foundation is testament to our network of local authority, sport governing body and university partners."

Rain hinders Smith's performance at Assen

BRADLEY Smith expressed mixed emotions after finishing eighth in a Dutch Grand Prix dominated by unpredictable weather last weekend.

World champion Marc Marquez won what was declared a wet race, with Andrea Dovizioso and Dani Pedrosa completing the podium.

Smith, who started from the second row, missed out on seventh by just a tenth of a second.

A sudden downpour delayed the start of the race, but the track soon dried out forcing the riders to change bikes after seven laps.

Once on the dry tyres, Smith was far more comfortable and was the fastest rider on the track during the final stages of the race.

The 23-year-old declared himself pleased with his performance, yet frustrated with the result.

He said: "I was very comfortable with the bike once the track had dried and my race pace would have seen me within top five if not on the podium."

"Unfortunately at the same time it was quite a frustrating situation."

"The bike didn't work too well in the rain and I lost so much time at the beginning because of the wet conditions."

• Bradley Smith (Picture courtesy of Tech 3)



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BROOKS WILL BRING GOALS

Concannon says he 'means business' with latest Didcot signings

DIDCOT Town joint manager Ian Concannon said the signing of striker Ryan Brooks shows the club's intent ahead of the new Division One South & West season.

The Railwaymen announced the news earlier this week with Brooks joining from Hellenic Premier Division side Ardley United.

Brooks scored 50 goals for the North Oxfordshire side last season and Concannon was delighted to sign the frontman.

He said: "It shows our intent to go and get players of good quality and calibre, and people will see that and think 'they mean business' and yes we do."

"We want to progress and we want to do as well as we can and to have people like Ryan on board will only enhance what we are trying to do, so we are absolutely delighted."

"He will certainly bring goals to the table, that is what he is good at, and him up front with John Mills is an exciting pairing."

"If he can get goals under his belt we will be right up there."

Diddy started pre-season training last Thursday and have since re-signed winger Josh Dutton-Black and central midfielders Josh Baines and Lance Williams.

Concannon also revealed that right-back Jack Bernasconi has returned to the club after a year at Hellenic Premier Division side Abingdon United.

He said: "Jack's played South-

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ern League football before and is a terrific right-back who will put pressure on Sam Elkins and Sam Parish and give competition for places. He is a good player, tenacious, and a good lad to have around so we're pleased to have him on board."

The Railwaymen welcome Conference side Eastleigh to Loop Meadow on Monday night in a pre-season friendly and Concannon says he is looking forward to a return to competitive football.

"We will have had five sessions up until the Eastleigh game and I think it is important for players to look at," he said.

"As a player I would look at that and go 'right I've got five sessions to build myself up until Eastleigh' and then we play, we train, we play, we train and before we know it we're at the first game of the season."

"When you start kicking the ball around, you get onto the pitch and see the white lines being marked out and you are actually playing, it is good."

"It gives a chance for the boys to get used to other players and to how we want to play and go about our business."

"There's an excitement about Monday, I'm certainly looking forward to it."

Concannon also confirmed Matt Woodley had left the club.



• Ryan Brooks (inset) and Jack Bernasconi have signed for Didcot Town this week

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